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I, Yudong Zhu, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That I am the inventor for the above-identified Patent Application;
2. That I have reviewed the claims of this Application;
3. That I conceived in the United States, prior to August 20, 2002, the effective date of the cited reference, USP 6,828,790, the invention as set forth in the aforementioned claims, and

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in particular, a process and system to independently control a plurality of transmit coils of a transmit coil array.

4. Attached as Exhibited A is a copy of my disclosure letter titled "Acceleration of Focused Excitation with a Transmit Coil Array" to my employer that was prepared prior to August 20, 2002 evidencing conception of the above-captioned invention.

5. That from before August 20, 2002 to November 26, 2003, the filing date of the present application, I diligently worked toward reducing the above-captioned invention to practice and worked with patent counsel in the preparation of a patent application for the claimed invention.

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Yudong Zhu

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